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The Honorable Hugh E. Witt
Administrator for Federal
Procurement Policy
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 22, 1975, requests the comments of this Agency on the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Regulation Numbers 1 and 2. This letter conveys our thoughts on the two regulations.

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) concurs generally with OFPP Regulation Numbers 1 and 2. As discussed during a meeting on 24 February 1976 between representatives of this Agency and yourself, there are special circumstances which have required the incorporation of a degree of flexibility into our internal procurement policies and regulations. Aside from these special circumstances, our principal concerns are that (1) we continue to operate our procurement system generally in accordance with the Armed Services Procurement Regulations (ASPR's) and (2) we not be required to discuss in public forum the sensitive aspects of our procurement system.

While my representatives have discussed with you the fact that CIA procurement policies and regulations deviate in certain areas from the letter of the ASPR's, let me hasten to also state that we are in accord with the spirit of the ASPR's, and that our system does include checks and balances necessary to protect U. S. Government interests.

In closing, may I say that this Agency fully endorses the establishment, as well as the objectives, of your office. I have asked officials within my Office of Logistics to establish and maintain liaison with your office and to

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STATINTL provide information and assistance necessary to establish and maintain an appropriate working relationship with you. [REDACTED] Chief of our Procurement Management Staff, will continue to serve as the official CIA representative for procurement matters.

Sincerely,

Signed: John F. Blake

John F. Blake
Deputy Director
for
Administration

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